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CAMDEN
MOUNTAINS

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Lord Camden, for whom the town was named on its incorporation, in 1791.

THE CAMDEN MOUNTAINS

The Norway of America

A HANDBOOK OF MOUNTAIN, OCEAN AND LAKE SCENERY ON
THE COAST OF MAINE



WITH SIXTY ILLUSTRATIONS, BY WM. GOODRICH BEAL

BOSTON
LEE AND SHEPARD

1890

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

Between the Gulf of Mexico and the Bay of Fundy, there are two spots only where the Mountains dip into the sea and rise directly from the water's edge. The two places thus distinguished from all others on the Atlantic Coast, are both in the State of Maine, and are the culminating points in a region famed for the grandeur of its scenery. One of these spots is Mt. Desert, on the eastern arm of Penobscot Bay; the other is Camden, on its western arm, the two separated by a broad expanse of water thickly studded with islands. Mt. Desert is too well known to need any further description, but Camden, although its mountains are so bold and prominent, is comparatively little known and its picturesque scenery has never been seen except by a favored few. It is so secluded and out of the beaten track of travel, that it is not yet overrun by the great army of tourists, and has a freshness and charm peculiarly its own

It will be a surprise to many to learn that here, within a short distance from Boston, are scenic beauties surpassing any other spot on the coast. Mountains over 1,400 feet high rise directly from the sea level, and extend along the shore for miles, while inland, corresponding ranges of lofty hills stretch away as far as the eye can reach. Lovely lakes, sequestered valleys, and broad mountain slopes, broken here and there into abrupt precipices, give a combination of landscape beauty unequalled on the Atlantic coast. While other resorts, by excessive advertising and the enterprise of transportation companies, have absorbed the greater share of public attention, Camden has had a more healthy development, by attracting the cultured and appreciative few. Men of wealth and taste, charmed by the place, have built beautiful summer homes, and one princely residence here is pronounced the finest in the State

The object of this book is to supply reliable information regarding this delightful seaside resort, and to present an artistic souvenir of some of its choicest scenery. The views are mostly from the pencil of Wm. Goodrich Beal, whose prominence as an etcher is a guarantee of the excellence of the plates

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HOW TO GET THERE.



LEAVING BOSTON.

Returning steamers leave Camden at 5 P. M., every week day, and arrive in Boston at 7 o'clock the next morning.

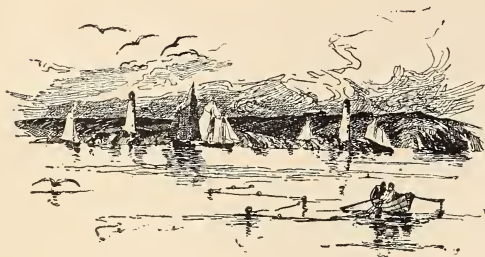
Those who prefer to travel by rail, can take the Boston & Maine Railroad at Boston, at 9 A. M., and reach Rockland the same afternoon. From Rockland to Camden is an easy stage ride of 8 miles.

The Boston & Bangor Steamship Co.'s steamers leave Foster's wharf, Boston, every week day during the season, at 5 P. M., arriving at Camden about 7.30 o'clock the next morning. The steamers are large, finely furnished, and are manned by experienced officers. The fare from Boston to Camden is \$2.60, or \$4.70 for an excursion ticket. Staterooms can be secured in advance.



ARRIVAL AT CAMDEN.

THE OCEAN SAIL.



TWIN LIGHTS, THATCHER'S ISLAND.

Rivers. The steamer is now in smooth water, for the numerous islands act as a breakwater, and for miles the course is through an almost land-locked channel, where the jutting headlands and rocky irregularities of the coast stand out in bold relief. The last of these promontories is Owl's Head, and after passing this point the steamer enters the portals of Penobscot Bay, and the fair city of Rockland unfolds itself to the traveller's view.

Rockland has a fine harbor and is a thriving city, the secret of whose prosperity is told by the numerous lime kilns which fringe the shore. Rockland and Camden are two of the great lime producing centres of the country. The quarries and kilns of Camden will be illustrated further on.

The steamer route from Boston to Camden is a delightful experience, and far surpasses in novelty and interest any route in eastern waters.

The steamer leaves Boston promptly at 5 P. M., giving three hours of daylight to enjoy the sail along the Massachusetts coast. Nahant, Salem, Marblehead, and Gloucester are successively passed, and darkness sets in just after the twin lights on Cape Ann are rounded.

The next morning, if the traveller is fortunate enough to rise early, he will see some striking views of the rock-ribbed coast of Maine, between the Kennebec and Penobscot

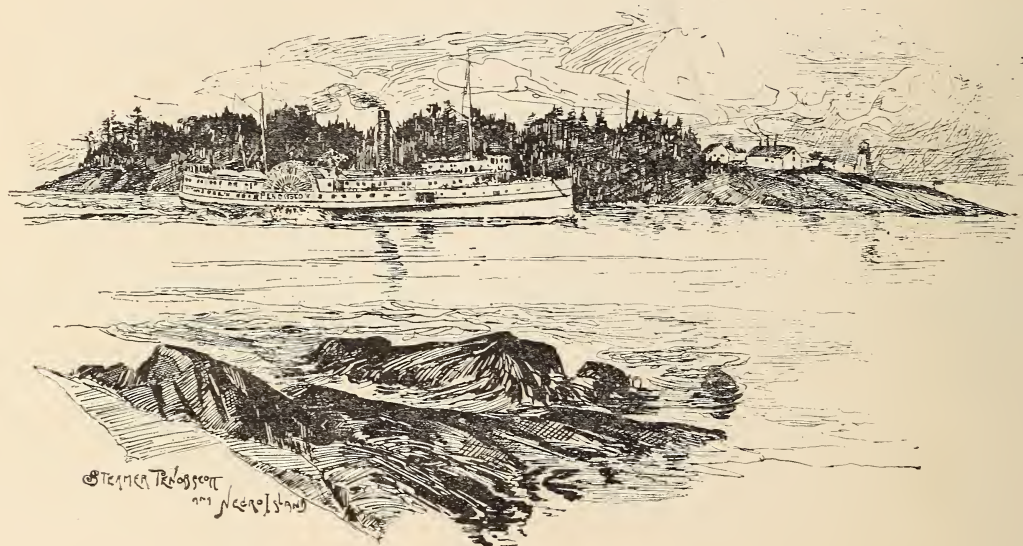
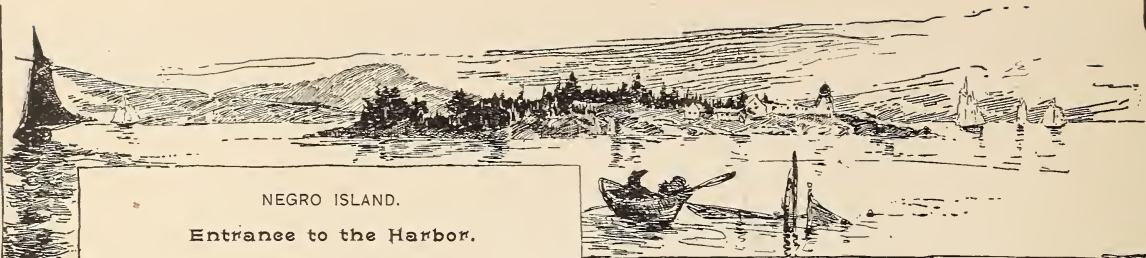


OWLS'-HEAD LIGHT, PENOBSCOT BAY.



CAMDEN MOUNTAINS FROM ROCKLAND HARBOR.

After a short stop at Rockland, where passengers for Mt. Desert change boats, the steamer heads for Camden, 8 miles distant. The first view of the Camden Mountains from this point is the subject of the above illustration.



NEGRO ISLAND.

The Harbor at Camden is one of the most sheltered of any on the coast. It is protected on the east side by Sherman's Point, and on the south by Ogier's Point, while as an additional bulwark, Negro Island is thrown across the front.

The entrance to the Harbor is through channels on either side of the island, as shown on the opposite page.

Negro Island contains about seven acres, and is one of the Gems of Camden scenery. It belongs to the United States Government, and is in the charge of an affable official, who keeps the grounds in excellent order and makes all visitors welcome. The island is about three-quarters of a mile from the wharves, and is an extremely popular objective point with boating parties

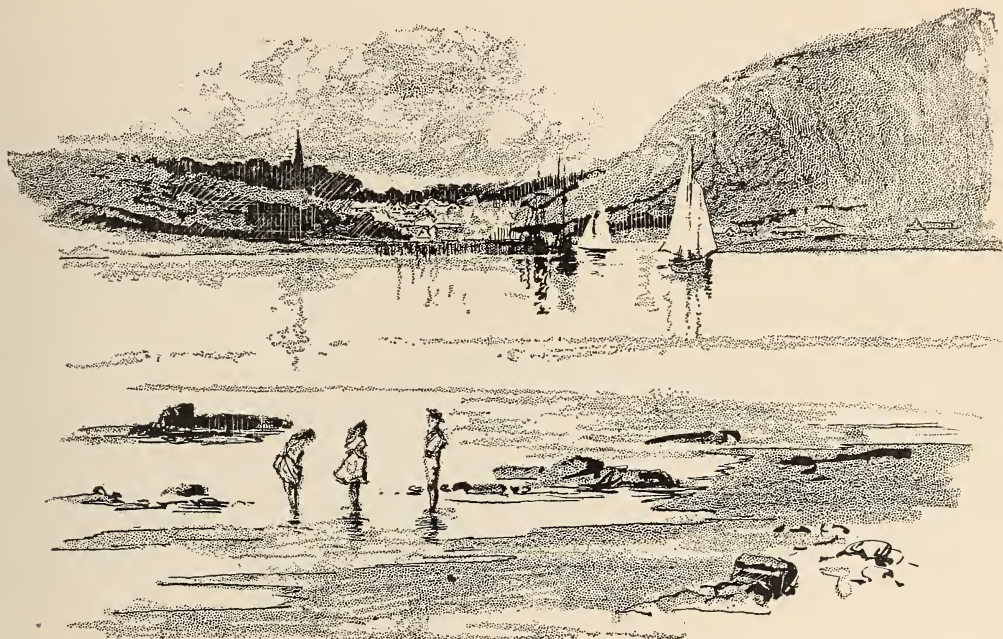
The coast range of mountains extends along the shore for miles, and here and there projects a clearly defined summit into the sky. One of the most striking of these is Bald Peak on Belfast Road, about four miles from Camden village. It can be ascended with little difficulty, and affords a fine view. It has an altitude of 1100 feet.



Bald Peak
from Negro Island

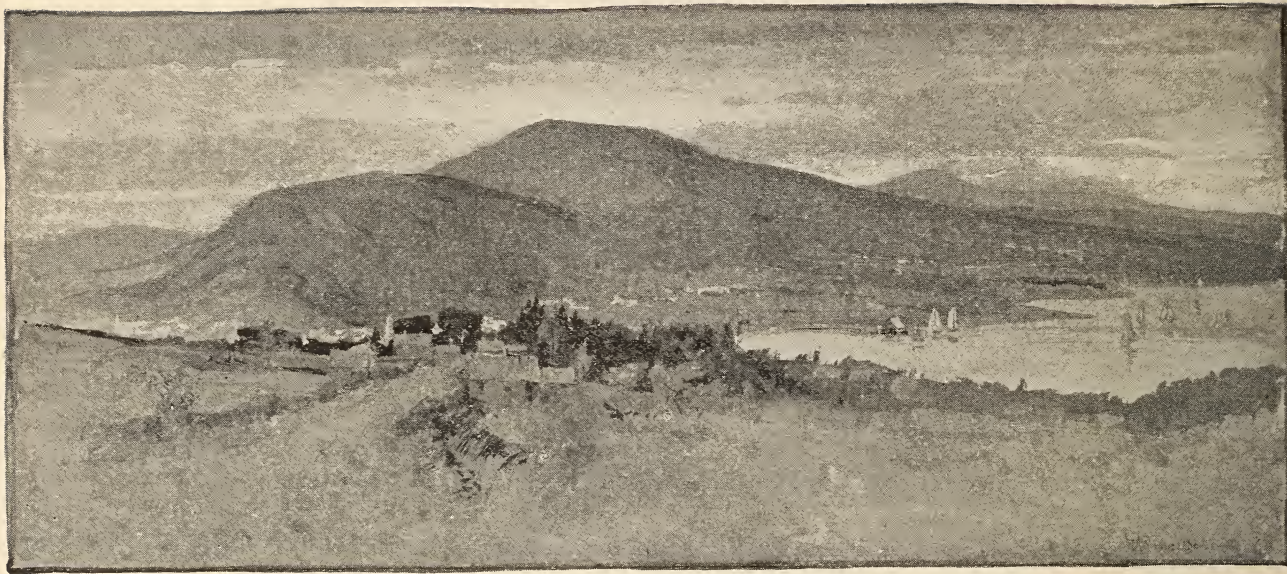


THE CAMDEN MOUNTAINS FROM THE OCEAN



The Camden Mountains rise directly from the sea level, and the twin peaks of Megunticook and Battie reach an altitude of 1,457 and 1,325 feet respectively. The village of Camden nestles at their feet, and hides itself from the approaching traveller until he reaches its very borders. The above view shows the village and a portion of Mt. Battie, as seen from the outer edge of the harbor, near Dillingham's Point.

THE SWEEP OF THE MOUNTAINS.



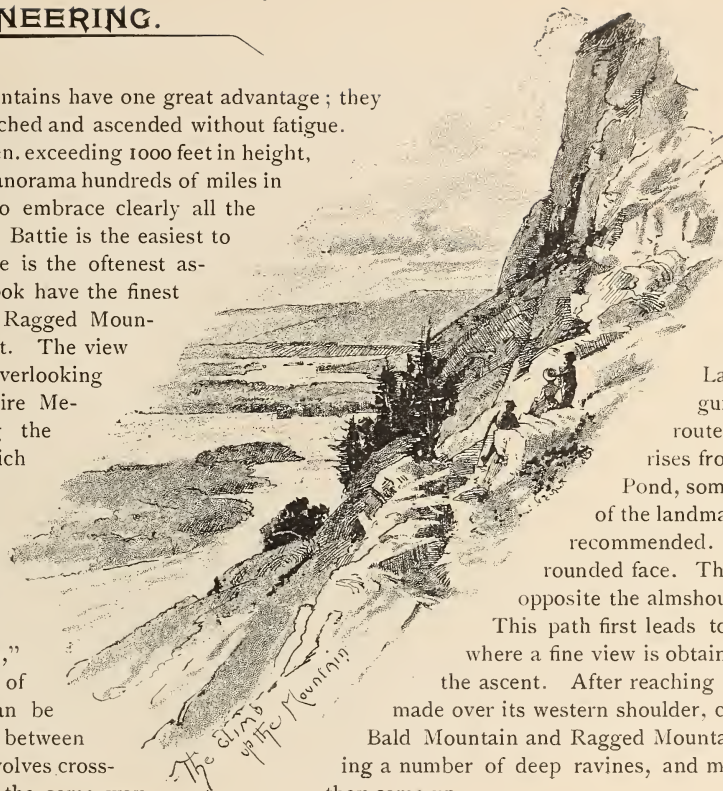
The seaward slope of the mountains is shown in the above view. Along this broad incline runs the Belfast Road, having on one side the still higher crest of the mountains, and on the other the glorious panorama of the ocean, dotted with numerous islands and alive with the white sails of vessels.

The above view is taken from Ogier's Hill near "Stonyhurst" and "Cedarcrest." From this elevation all the combined beauties of Camden scenery are displayed to admirable advantage. There are mountains encircling the town on every side except where the sea extends, and the eye takes in, in rapid succession, all the phases of this marvellous combination of mountain, ocean and inland scenery.

MOUNTAINEERING.

The Camden Mountains have one great advantage ; they and can be easily reached and ascended without fatigue. 5 mountains in Camden. exceeding 1000 feet in height, and commanding a panorama hundreds of miles in the right elevation to embrace clearly all the er landscape. Mount Battie is the easiest to nearness to the village is the oftenest as-Battie and Megunticook have the finest Bald Mountain and Ragged Moun-fairest inland prospect. The view the Turnpike Cliffs, overlooking Lake City. The entire Me-traversed by taking the

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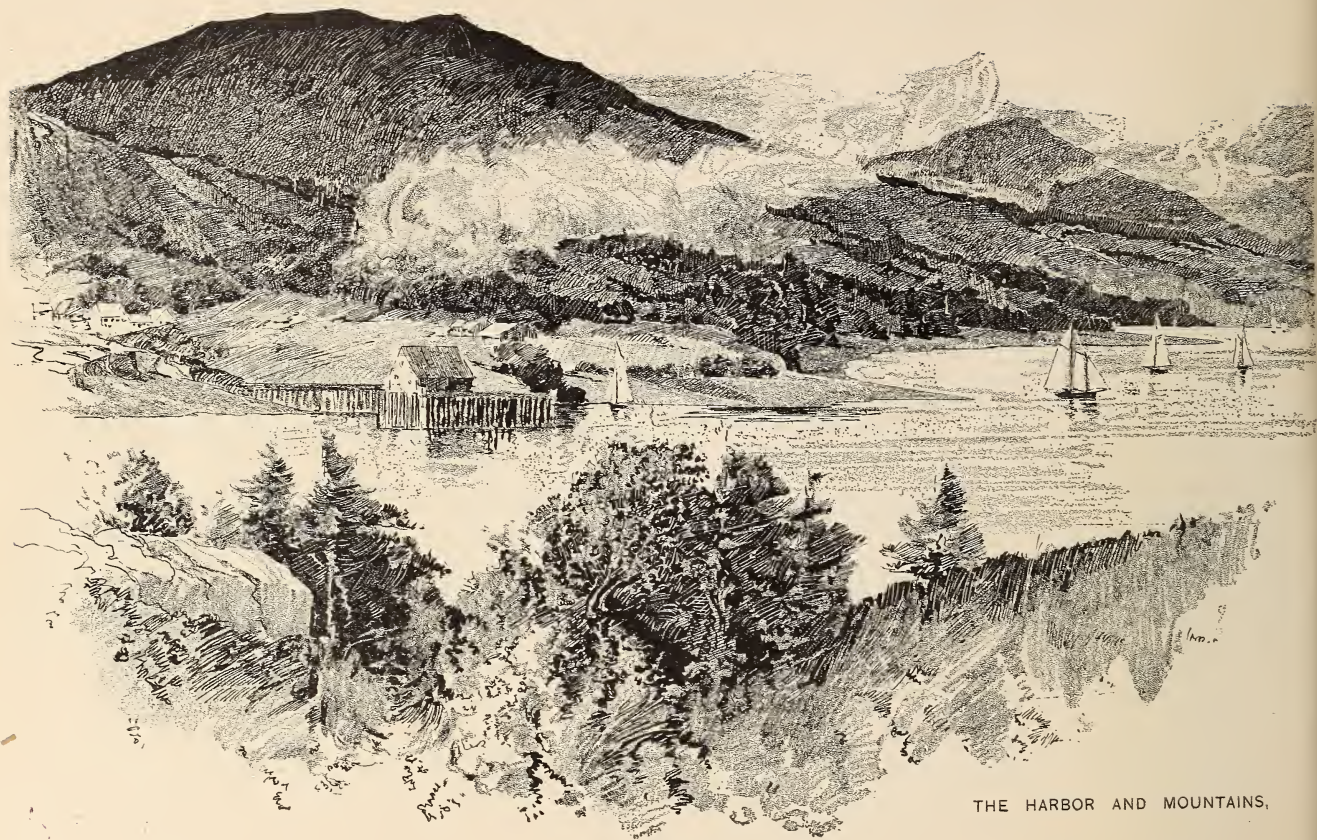


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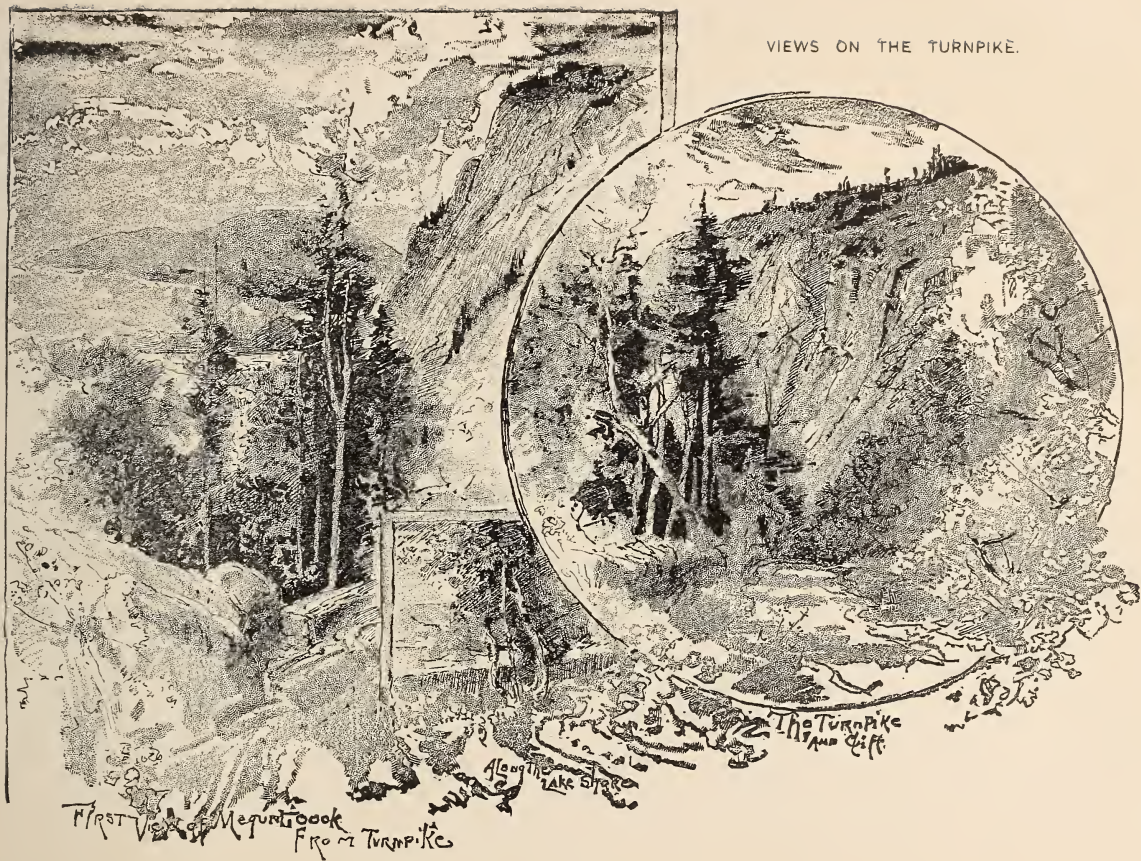
This path first leads to an overhanging cliff, where a fine view is obtained and one can get the the ascent. After reaching the top of Bald Moun-

made over its western shoulder, coming out at the high-Bald Mountain and Ragged Mountain. It is hard climbing a number of deep ravines, and most mountain climbers they came up.



THE HARBOR AND MOUNTAINS.

VIEWS ON THE TURNPIKE.



THE TURNPIKE DRIVE.

The view on page 13 is the counterpart of the one on page 10. It shows the other or inland side of the coast range. Instead of the broad seaward slope, the mountain is here broken into abrupt precipices and cliffs, which in some cases rise perpendicularly for nearly 1000 feet. The famous Turnpike Road runs along the base of these cliffs between them and Lake Megunticook. This glorious drive follows the base of the mountains for four miles, and for a part of the distance the road bed is blasted out of the side of the mountain, and almost overhangs the clear waters of the lake. The view on page 19 shows the steepness of the mountains at this point, and gives some idea of the grandeur of the scenery traversed.

The drive can be extended by turning to the left at the head of the Turnpike and going around the lake, or by bearing to the right and driving around the mountain, returning by Belfast Road. In either case the distance from the village and back is about thirteen miles.

The view on the right of page 15 shows Maiden Cliff at the head of the Turnpike with Lake Megunticook at its base. The other view is Mount Hosmer or Ragged Mountain, on another mountain range in the western part of the town. This mountain overhangs Mirror Lake, and its other side is shown on page 26. It has an elevation of 1230 feet.

To properly appreciate the grandeur of the Turnpike Mountains, one should traverse the crest of the range. An entire day should be given to the expedition. The road is left at Young's, at the head of the turnpike, and a path will be found leading to the summit of Maiden Cliff. The other peaks can be climbed in succession, until the top of Megunticook is finally reached. From this point the descent is made to the Belfast Road, and then back to the village.

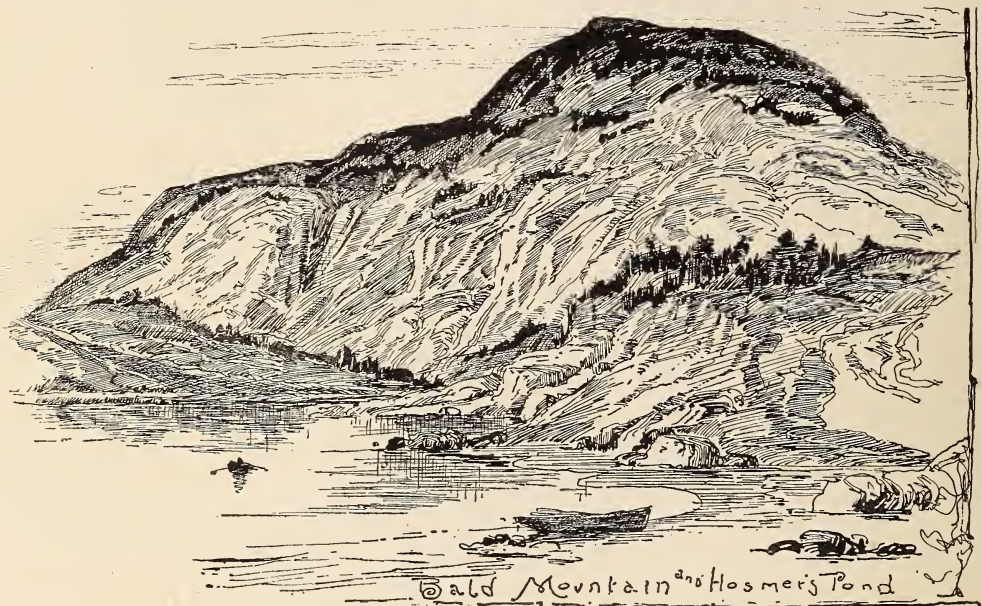


Mount Hosmer from Battie



Turnpike Cliff from Mt. Battie

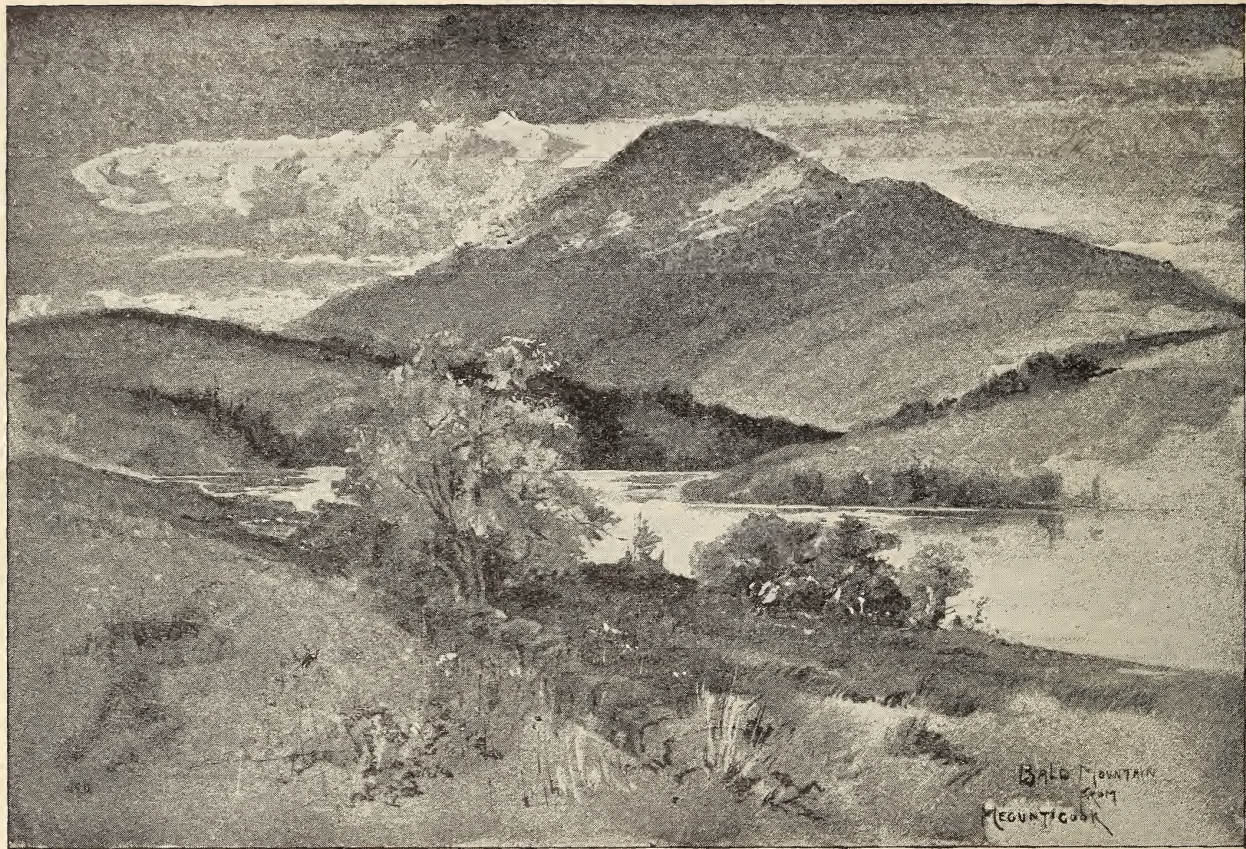
Bald Mountain is the prosaic name of the granite dome whose base dips into the waters of two lakes. The view below shows the mountain from Hosmer's Pond. The view on page 18 shows its equally striking mass from the shores of Lake Megunticook. One of the most attractive drives in Camden is around this mountain. The ascent of the mountain will well repay the slight effort involved. Half an hour's good climbing will take one to the summit, an elevation of 1140 feet.



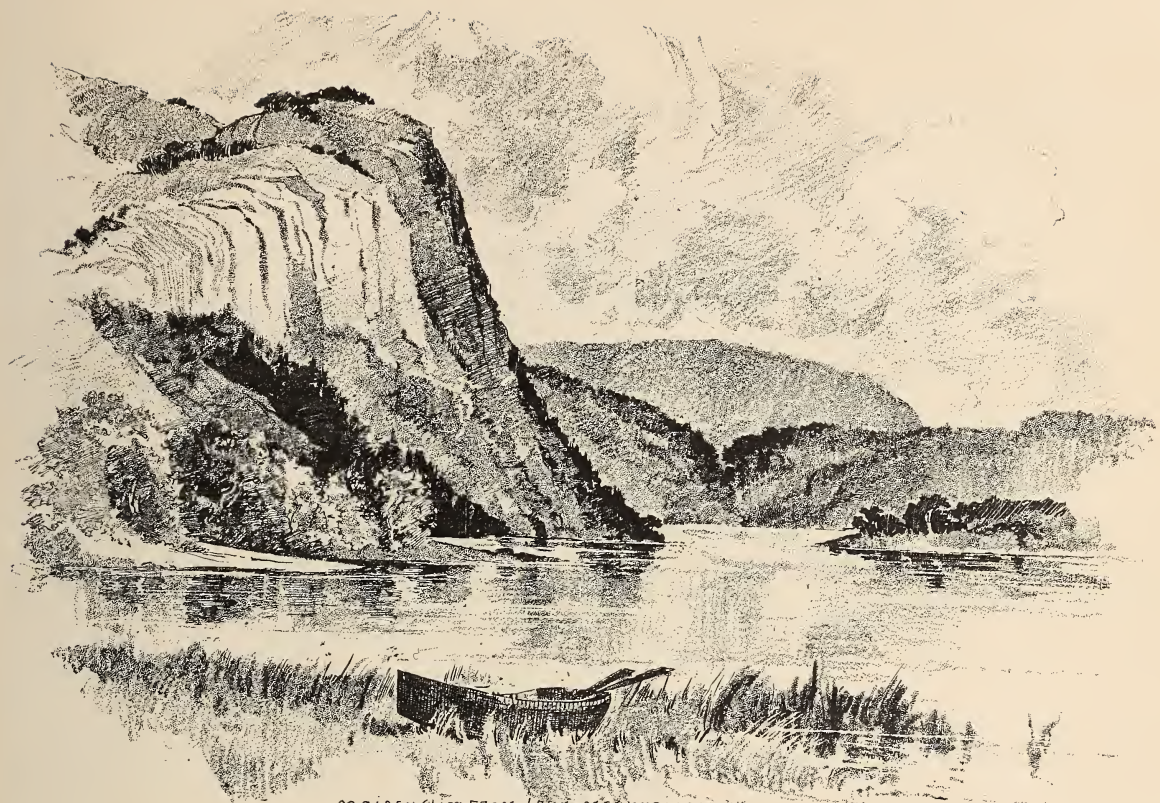


LAKE MEGUNTICOOK, WITH LAKE CITY IN THE DISTANCE.

The view here shown is on the side of Lake Megunticook, directly opposite from the Turnpike Road and commanding a view of it. The Hope Road from which it is taken is an extension of Washington Street, which after passing to the left of the lake, winds among the hills to the several villages in Hope.



BALD MOUNTAIN FROM MEGUNTICOOK LAKE.



MAIDEN CLIFF FROM LAKE UMBAGOG

The old road which was used before the "Turnpike" was built, passed over the top of the mountain, just back of this cliff, and came out near the Barrett place.

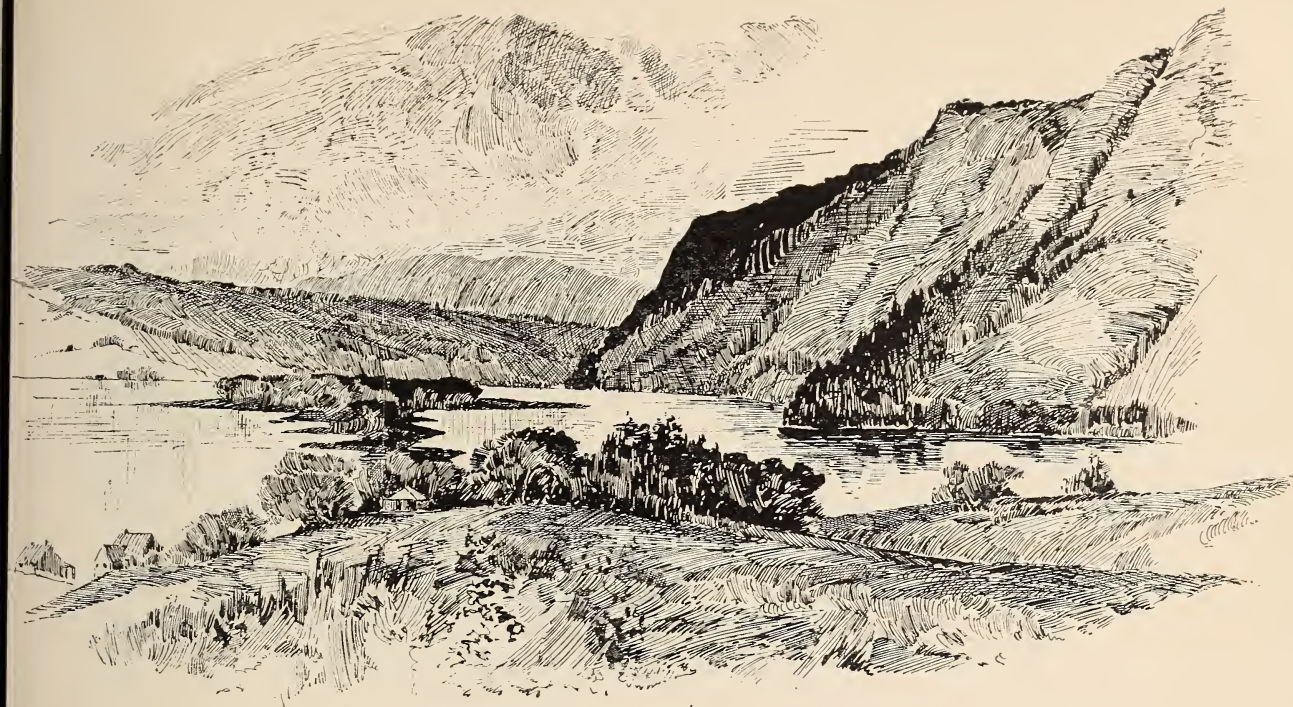
MEGUNTICOOK LAKE AND LAKE CITY.

Megunticook Lake has already been referred to in connection with the Turnpike drive, but its beauties call for more extended description. A drive around the lake only faintly reveals its charms. To see this attractive sheet of water in all its perfection, one should sail over it and among its islands and follow the devious windings of its shores

A small steamer plies to and fro, obedient to the wishes of the passengers, and the sail can be prolonged for hours, every moment bringing its change of scene. The numerous islands and projecting points of land seem to bar all progress, but the little steamer is skillfully conducted through the watery maze, and the trip can be made again and again without losing any of its novelty. The usual route takes in a circuit of 5 miles. The steamer starts from Lake City at the foot of the lake, only $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Camden Village

The finest view of the lake is from the rising ground just back of Lake City, see illustration page 21. Here the waters of the lake are hemmed in by the lofty cliffs of Megunticook on one side and the towering mass of Bald Mountain on the other, while stretching away to the west is an enchanting vista of islands and cliffs and clouds, made more striking still by their manifold reflections in the smooth waters of the lake

This sightly spot has been divided into house-lots of generous proportions, and some ten or twelve handsome cottages have already been erected. For those who do not care for the seashore, this locality will especially commend itself, having, as it does, all the perfections of mountain, lake, and valley scenery. Its early development as an attractive summer resort seems to be assured. The place is connected with the Turnpike by a short road just completed and will be more accessible than ever



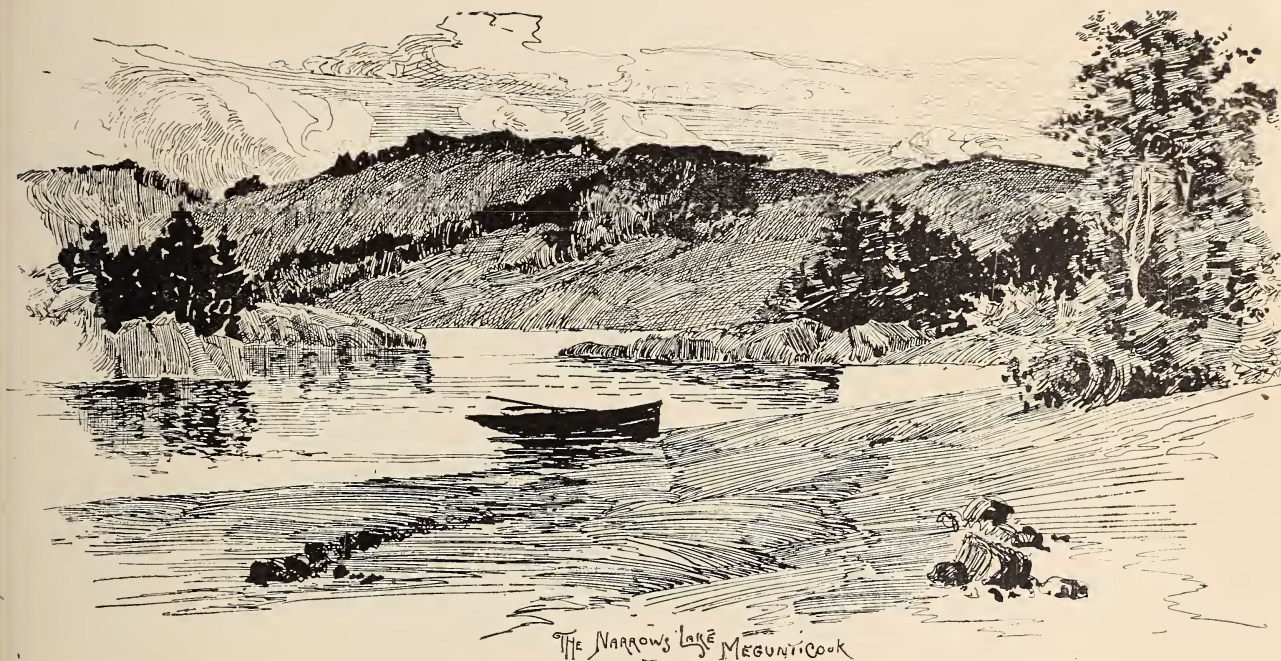
MEGUN FICOOK LAKE AT LAKE CITY

The above view is the one referred to on page 20. On the right are the cliffs, around the base of which winds the famous Turnpike drive. A road now crosses the point of land shown in the foreground, and connects on the right with the Turnpike. The cottage close to the water is the summer home of Mrs. Ella Cleveland Fenderson, the well known contralto singer. The lake is some 300 feet above the sea level, and the air is remarkably clear and dry.



A QUIET COVE NEAR LAKE CITY.

As we have already suggested, a visit to Camden is incomplete which does not include a sail on Lake Megunticook in Mr. George H. Cleveland's petite steamer, "Tit Willow." Mr. Cleveland is justly an enthusiast over the scenery of the lake, and the party is fortunate that has him aboard to pilot them through the intricacies of its charming waters.



This lovely spot is one of the Gems of the Lake and we are indebted to Mr. George H. Hill, of Lake City, for calling our attention to its beauties. It is on the steamer route, but can easily be reached by row boat.



MOUNT BATTLE FROM MEGUNTICOOK LAKE

This view is taken from near the outlet of Lake Megunticook, just above Molyneaux's Mills. It is within a few minutes of Lake City by row boat or steamer. The high rocks on the left afford an extensive view of the western arm of the lake, and can be easily reached from Molyneaux's Mills. The handsome summer cottage of W. G. Alden is on an island near this spot.

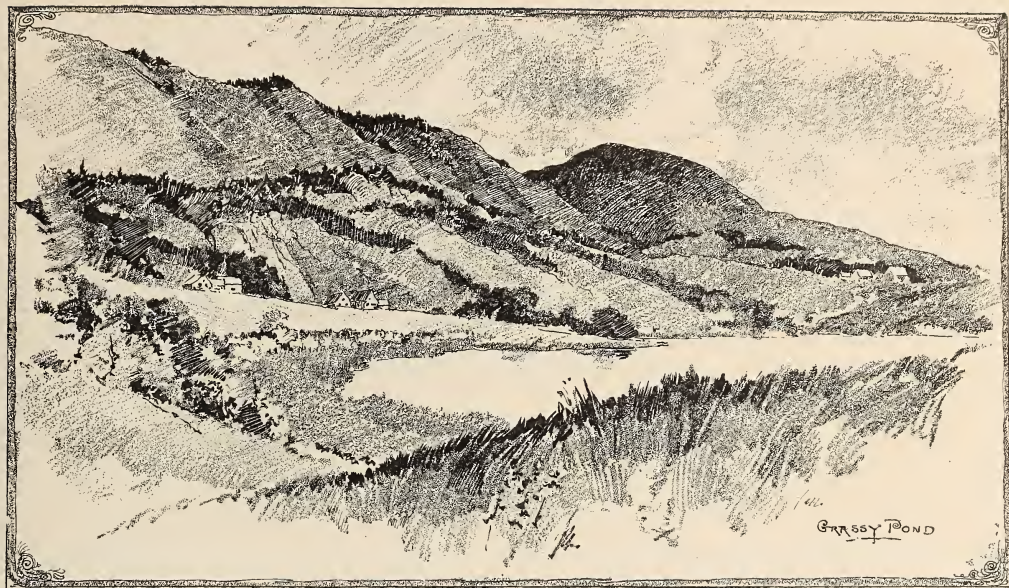
Molyneaux's Mills are associated with a most picturesque character in the person of Wm. Molyneaux, who was one of the early settlers here, and is identified by many, with the Major Molyneaux, Longfellow refers to in the opening chapter of the "Tales of a Wayside Inn." There is a most interesting account of this cavalier, in Locke's history of Camden.

The Lakes of Camden are a source of endless pleasure to the visitor. Their number is surprising. At the foot of nearly every mountain nestles a lovely sheet of water. The largest is Lake Megunticook, already described, which stretches into the neighboring town and covers nearly 2,000 acres. One of the loveliest of all the Camden lakes is Hosmer's Pond, shown in the view below and also on page 16. It is four miles from the village, and is reached by a charming drive. It fills an oval basin almost surrounded by towering mountains, and has an area of sixty-five acres. The view of it from the summit of Bald Mountain, is an unsuspected revelation of beauty.





Mirror Lake is high up among the mountains on the western side of Ragged Mountain, about one mile from West Camden. It is 350 feet above the sea level and is the source of Camden's water supply. The water is remarkably pure and is brought to the village by gravity pressure. See page 41.



Grassy Pond is about a mile beyond Mirror Lake on the road from West Camden to South Hope. The finest drive in the town for the distance covered, is to West Camden and Mirror Lake, thence by Grassy Pond to South Hope, then over the northern side of Mount Pleasant and down the mountain side to West Camden. The Mount Pleasant Road is the most elevated highway in Camden and commands a wide view.



Lily Pond is only half a mile from Camden, on the Rockport Road. It is seen to the best advantage from the eastern shore, where it forms the foreground of a picture whose horizon is broken by the ragged outlines of Hosmer's Mountain. The pond covers 65 acres. It abounds in lilies, and in the winter furnishes a crop of ice which is largely exported to foreign countries.



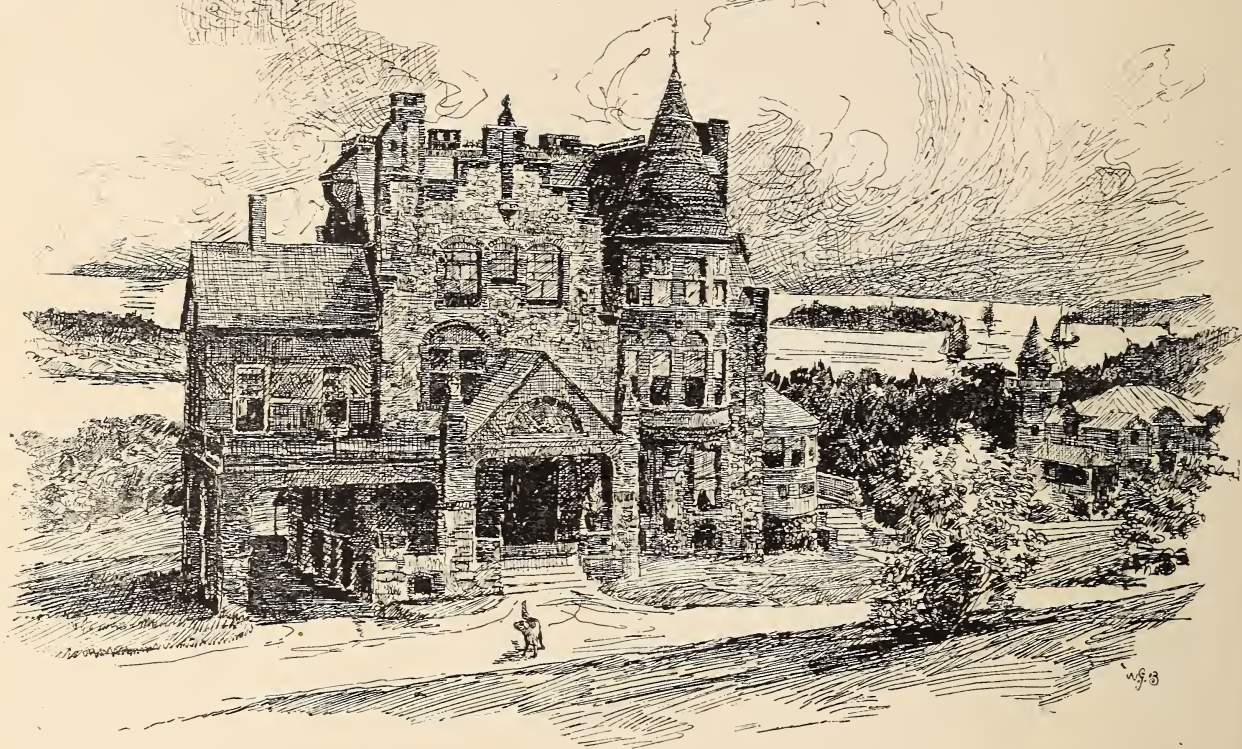
View from Norumbega.

BELFAST ROAD.

The views on Belfast Road are the finest on the coast. The road runs along the slope of the mountains for eight miles, affording throughout its entire distance an unobstructed view of Penobscot Bay, with its hundreds of islands. This commanding driveway seems by a sort of natural selection to be the favorite locality with those who have lately acquired interests in Camden, and its elegant building sites are fast changing hands. Camden is developing rapidly in this direction, and in a few years this superb highway will be embellished with residences worthy of the locality.

Camden owes much to the appreciation and enterprise of Hon. J. B. Stearns, of New York, the inventor of the Duplex System of Telegraphy. Possessed of an ample fortune and æsthetic tastes, he has made Camden his permanent home and erected on Belfast Road the finest residence in the state. The grounds comprise twenty-five acres of land, with 900 feet of shore front, and represent the highest attainments in landscape gardening. The house, shown on the following page, was made from Mr. Stearns' own designs, and is the happy embodiment of impressions of foreign travel, combined with practical, home-like ideas of comfort and taste.

The view here shown is from one of the piazzas of the house.



"NORUMBEGA,"—RESIDENCE OF HON. J. B. STEARNS.

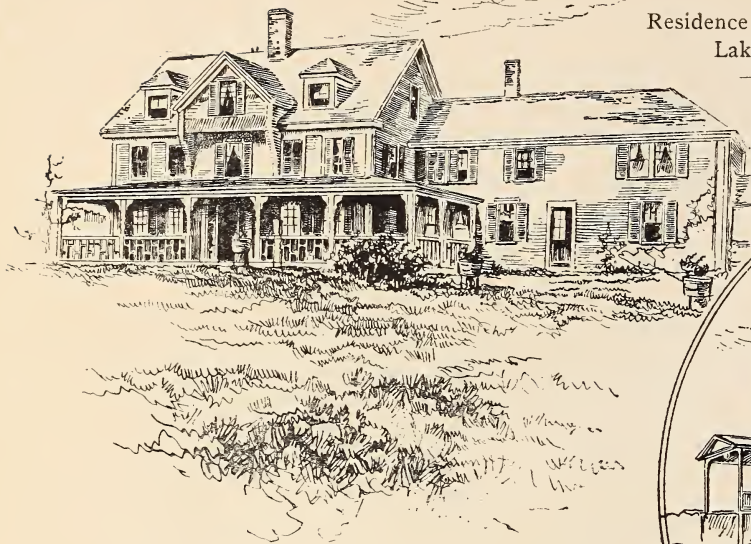
SELBORNE.

Selborne was an old-fashioned farm-house, which was purchased by Mr. Stearns, and converted into a picturesque cottage. It is so placed as to command one of the finest views on the Road.

It was named "Selborne" after Gilbert White's well-known cottage.

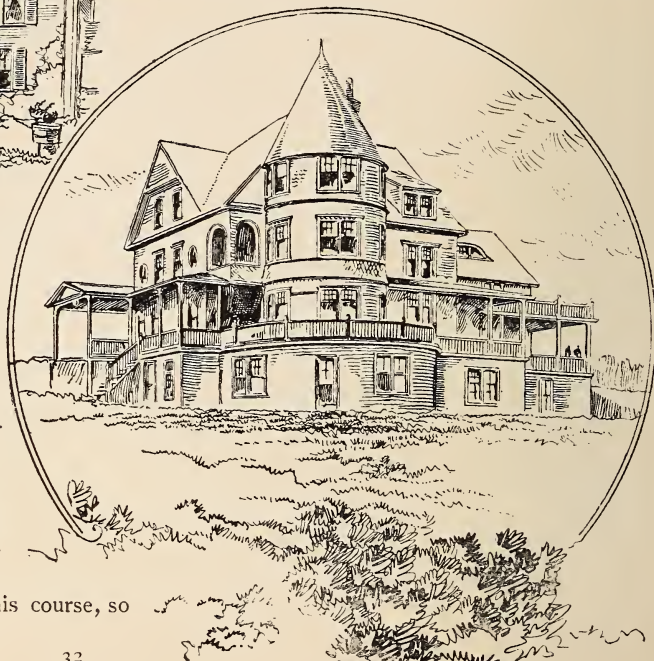
The mass of trees in the foreground rises from a deep glen, through which a brawling stream hastens to the sea below. It is a secluded spot, and its picturesque beauty is but little suspected when viewed from the road above. We refrain from any attempt at description, and merely observe that within the depths of this glen, is a bit of natural scenery which we have rarely seen equalled.





Residence of Wm. A. French and Chas. S. Dennison, near
Lake Megunticook.

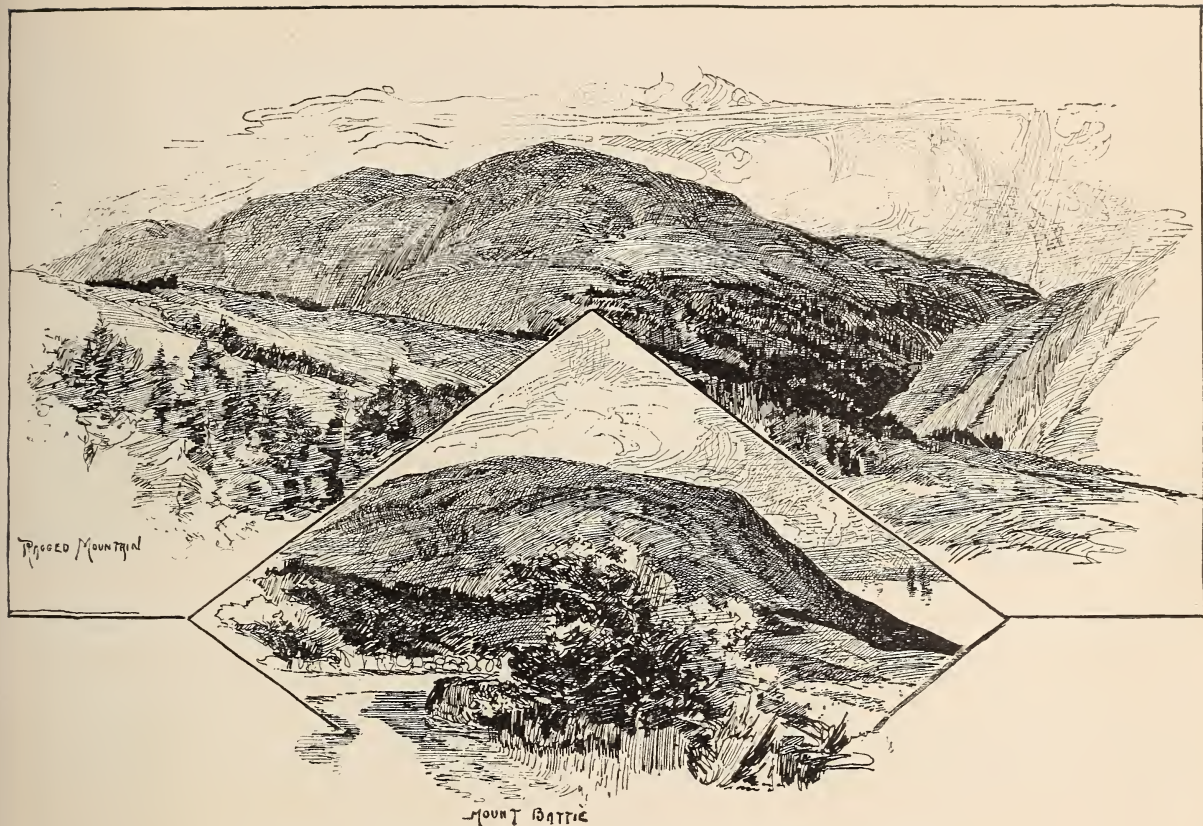
Residence of D. C. Smith, Warrenton, near Rockland.



The views on the next page are from the piazzas of Messrs. French and Dennison's residence.

The view seaward shows a portion of the finest yachting course on the entire coast. For over forty miles there is an almost clear sailing course, with but little current, no undertow, and scarcely any squally weather.

On pages 31 and 41, there are views of a part of this course, so well known to yachtsmen.



VIEWS FROM RESIDENCE OF W. A. FRENCH AND CHAS. S. DENNISON.



SHERMAN'S POINT.

The accompanying view is taken from "Mountain Arrow" on the side of Mount Battie and gives a very good idea of the way the harbor is protected by the natural breakwater formed by Sherman's Point. At the head of the cove is a splendid beach nearly half a mile long, while along the sides of the Point and belonging to its owners, are several valuable fishing privileges where great numbers of the famous Penobscot River salmon are taken every year during the season. On May 30, 1889, Dr. O. G. Sherman caught a salmon here 43 inches long and weighing 35 pounds. In the same net was another salmon weighing 25 pounds. There are not many seaside properties that can boast of a salmon preserve, among their other attractions.



BATHING ON SHERMAN'S POINT

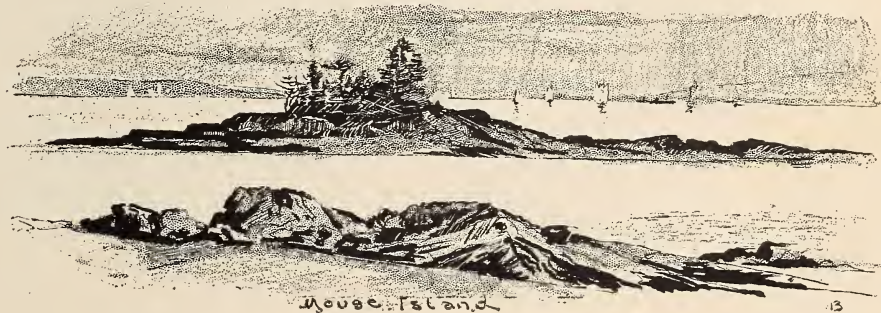
boating parties, who at present are allowed to land there and explore its woods and rocks.

It is full of sketchable bits and is a favorite spot with artists.

Sherman's Point is an irregular projection of land forming a portion of the boundary of Camden Harbor. It contains about forty acres and seems to have been designed by nature as an epitome of all the beauties of the seashore. Beautiful groves of oak and pine, winding paths, bold rocks, sandy coves, pebbly beaches, together with one of the finest views of the mountains to be had from any point, combine to make this spot an ideal one.

Mouse Island is a part of Sherman's Point, and at low tide can be reached dry shod from the mainland.

The whole point is a popular resort for



Mouse Island

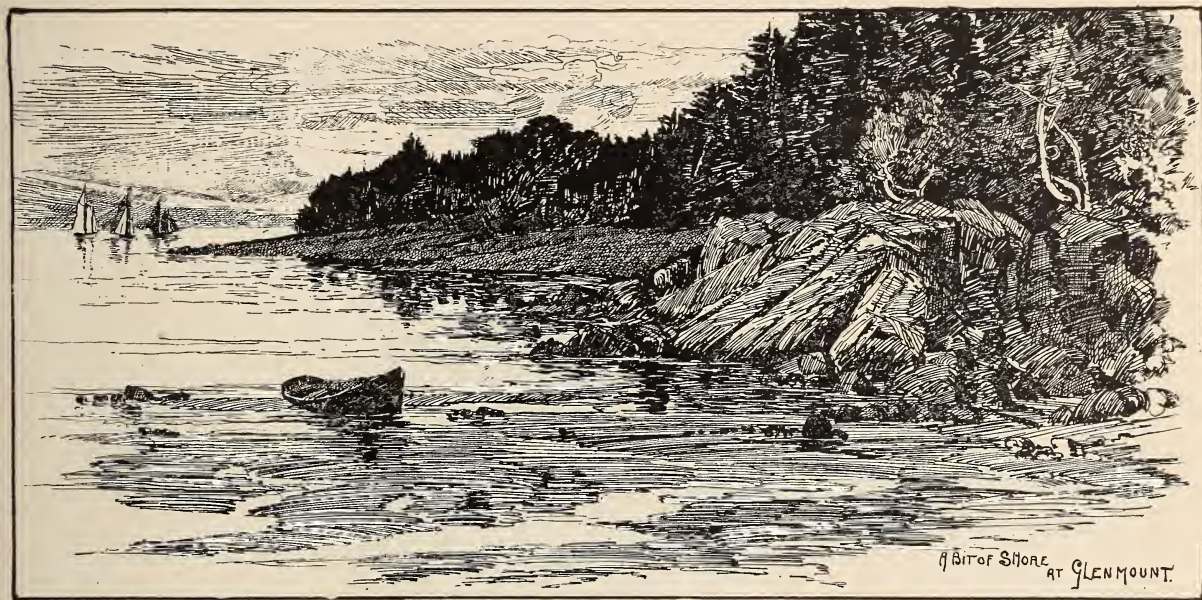
Camden Harbor is a place of rendezvous for nearly all the yachts cruising along the Atlantic coast, and the waters in the vicinity of Sherman's Point are seldom free from these white winged visitors. They form an important feature in the social life of the place, through the entertainments and excursions attendant on their visits.



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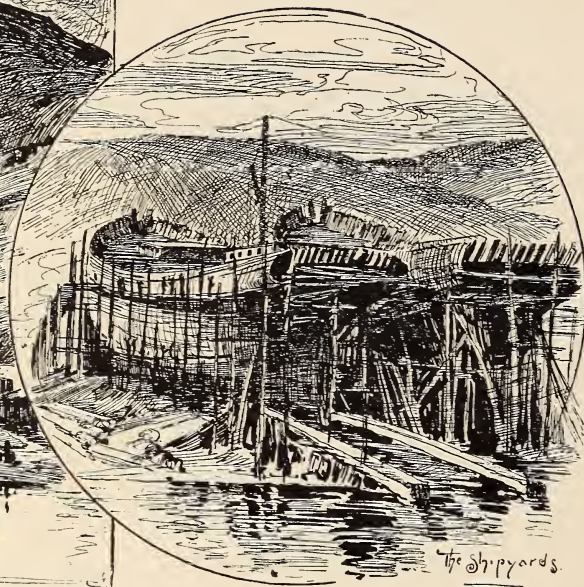
FROM SHERMAN'S POINT
LOOKING WEST



Just beyond Selborne the road crosses Spring Brook with its two steep hills, and then follows the coast, passing the residences of Mr. Chas. S. Hill and Mr. T. M. Sawyer, and four miles further on Lincolnville Beach is reached. A continuation of this splendid drive leads to Northport and Belfast.



VIEW AT HEAD OF HARBOR,



VIEW IN H. M. BEAN'S SHIPYARDS.

Shipbuilding is an important interest in Camden and Rockport, and the shipyards add another to the many picturesque features of the place. Mr. H. M. Bean is a very successful shipbuilder and carries on this industry on an extensive scale. His shipyards adjoin the steamship wharf. Mr. E. H. Bramhall's shipyard is shown in the view on the left. He is a builder of steam yachts and launches, row boats and yachts, and has orders from foreign as well as domestic customers.

The Camden Anchor Works owned by W. G. Alden, is the largest establishment of the kind in the country, and its famous anchors are shipped to all parts of the world.

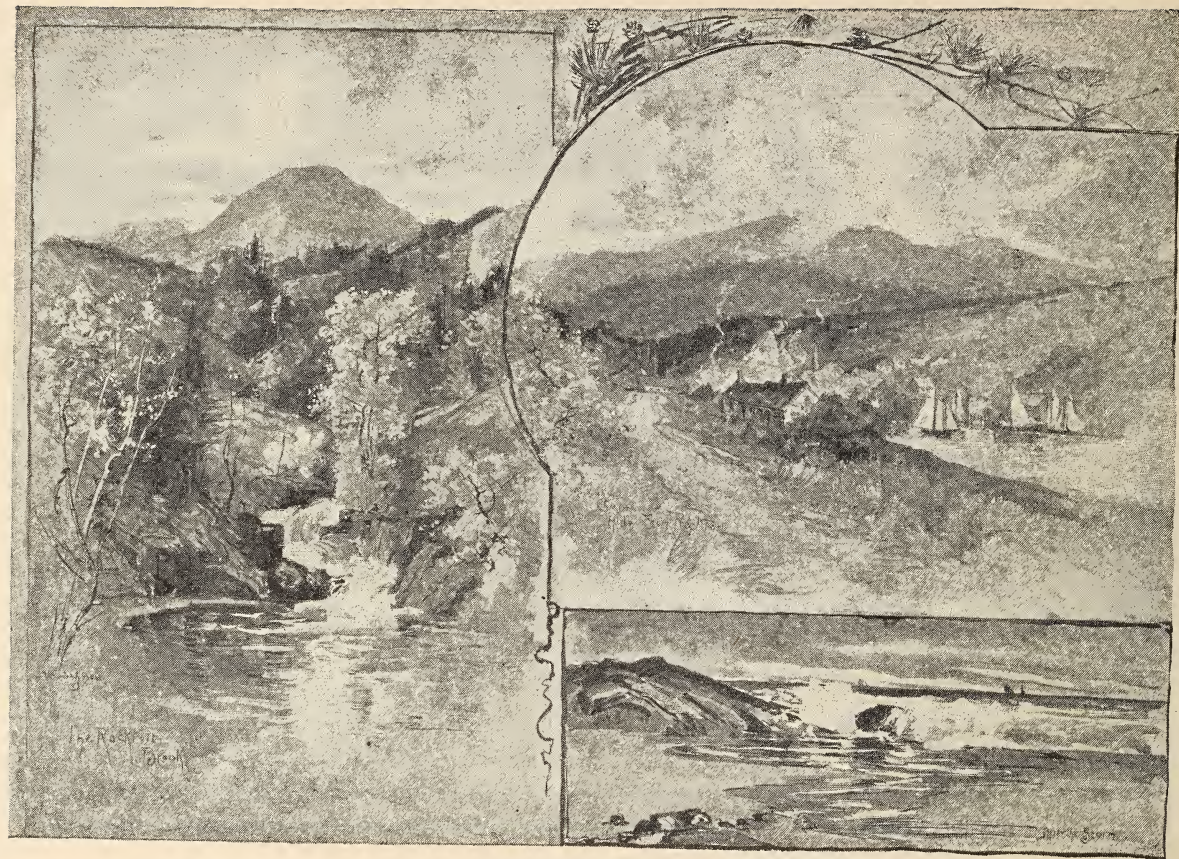
ROCKPORT.

Rockport is a village in the town of Camden, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Camden Village. It is a picturesque spot with a deep ravine and high hills, along the slopes of which the houses and stores are built, scarcely any two being on the same level. The stream which issues from Hosmer's Pond tumbles through the deep gorge dividing the village, and forms the fine cascade shown in the view on page 40, taken from the bridge.

Rockport Harbor is a deep rock-bound basin, like a Norwegian Fjord. The largest ships float safely in its almost fathomless depths. This little seaport can boast of a large proprietary interest in some of the finest vessels afloat, while its own commerce extends to nearly every foreign country. The wealth and taste of the Rockport merchants is shown in the elegant residences which adorn the village.

The ship Frederick N. Billings, the largest sailing vessel afloat under the American flag, was built at the ship yard of Carleton, Norwood & Co., Rockport, and is also commanded by a Camden master, Capt. Isaac W. Sherman.



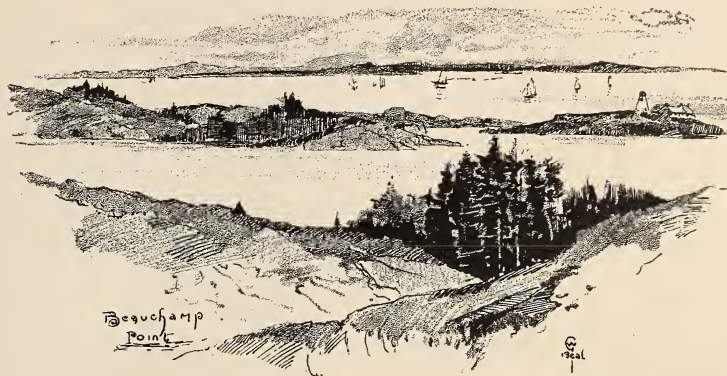


ROCKPORT BROOK.

MOUNTAINS FROM ROCKPORT.

AFTER THE STORM.

The view of **Beauchamp Point** shown below, is taken from the road just below Rockport. The water in the foreground is a part of Rockport Harbor. Beyond the Lighthouse is the channel leading to Camden, while still farther in the distance are the hills of Mt. Desert.



The continuation of the road referred to above, carries one direct to Rockland, but better views can be had by driving to the summit of Beech Hill overlooking Rockport and the Bay. On the other side of the hill is Lake Chickawaukie, while on the upper road leading to Thomaston, is the Reservoir of the Camden and Rockland Water Co. As purity of drinking water is such an important matter during the summer months, the following analysis of the water supplied to Camden will be of interest :

HON. A. F. CROCKETT,
President Camden & Rockland Water Co., Rockland, Me.
Dear Sir:

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK, ME.

My analysis of your Mountain Spring Water, taken from Mirror Lake, justifies me in certifying that it is a water of extraordinary purity. There are, in fact, absolutely no injurious ingredients in it; it is almost as pure as the purest spring water I ever analyzed—Purer, even, than the celebrated Poland Spring Water—and I think it would be hard to match it anywhere. The people of Camden and Rockland are to be congratulated on having a supply of such water.

Very truly yours,

FRANKLIN C. ROBINSON,

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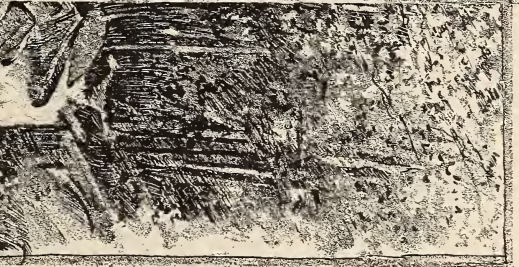
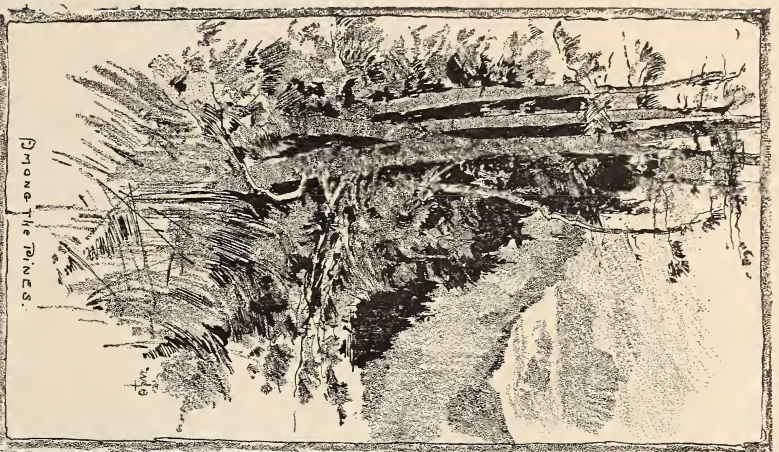
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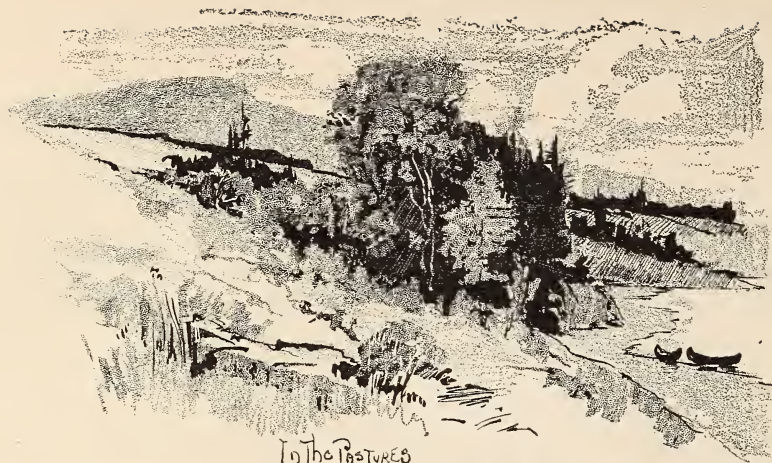
Both Rockport and Camden abound in limestone which is quarried on an extensive scale and converted into lime at the kilns on tide water. The above cuts show one of the quarries on the road from Camden to Rockport, and one of the kilns in Camden Harbor.

BITS FROM
THE
TURNPIKE ROAD.



Smelt Brook is near the
Barrett Place,
on the Turnpike.

This view is from a photograph taken by Mr. Guy Carleton, of Rockport.



In The Pastures



Hills in Winter

A FEW SUMMER RESIDENTS.

Among the earliest admirers of Camden, were Mr. Caleb Holyoke and Mr. E. F. Dillingham, both of Bangor, whose picturesque cottages are on a jutting point of land opposite the island. They were followed by Mr. W. H. Gardiner, of Philadelphia, whose cottage "Edgewater" is nestled among the trees near the bathing beach.

Mr. A. M. Judson, a New York banker, was the first to acquire extensive interests in Camden and his cottage "Stonyhurst" occupies the most commanding site in the village. It stands on the summit of Ogier's Hill and has a superb prospect on all sides. Mr. Judson has some sixty acres of land belonging to his fine estate.

Hon. J. B. Stearns' villa "Norumbega" has already been described and the view from it is unrivalled. Every room has an outlook peculiarly its own, while from the piazza all these varied prospects are blended into one exquisite whole.

Mr. Reuben Leland, a New York banker, has built a sightly summer home "Seacroft," also on the Belfast Road, while opposite Norumbega is "Samoset," the charming cottage of Franklin H. Tinker, of Short Hills, N. J.

Inland, on an eminence commanding a grand view of ocean, lake and mountain scenery, is the summer residence of Wm. A. French, of Abram French & Co., and Chas. S. Dennison, of Dennison Mfg. Co., both of Boston. Mr. Geo. H. Hill, of Blake & Stearns, Boston, also has a handsome cottage at Lake City, while many other gentlemen prominent in New York and Boston business circles, but whose names we have not the space to give, make Camden their summer headquarters, and have the ownership of splendid properties here.

Apart from its summer residents, the local society of Camden is far in advance of other seaside resorts. The people of Camden are of the well-to-do class, with an unusually large proportion of wealthy families, whose hospitality and refinement are proverbial. Camden is preeminently a community of homes, and its *locale* is of a kind most attractive to those who spend the summer there. The village houses and the country farms all betray that same touch of prosperity which stamps the place as one having superior social advantages. There are no liquor saloons here, but within a radius of two miles there are eight churches, two facts which significantly indicate the moral atmosphere of this charming seaside town.

SUMMARY.

The preceding pages convey to some extent an idea of the resources and beauties of Camden, stated as concisely as possible. Many of the illustrations are photographic reproductions of scenery, etc.; others are bits selected from an artist's sketch-book, which are suggestive of the higher beauties of the scenes portrayed

It is impossible, in a work like this, to give every one's favorite view, and for shortcomings in this respect the author asks for such indulgence as a fallible being may claim. For more complete illustration of Camden scenery, the reader is referred to the admirable collection of photographs taken by Mr. W. V. Lane, of this village, and to "Picturesque Camden" published by Hon. T. R. Simonton

The advantages of Camden as a seaside resort may be briefly summed up:

It possesses, first of all, an unrivalled combination of mountain, lake, and ocean scenery. Yachting, canoeing, fishing, mountain climbing, and driving, all are to be had here in their perfection, while for the more passive nature, which enjoys scenery most from the outlook of a sightly piazza, there is equal opportunity for gratification.

The Harbor is safe for the smallest row boats, and is so situated at the mouth of Penobscot Bay as to admit of endless excursions by steamer or sailboat, while it is easily accessible to Boston, having daily communication with that city. Its inland scenery is equally marvellous, and a complete change from seashore to country air can be obtained by going back of the mountains, only three miles from the coast. Col. T. W. Higginson tells us that it has far less fog than Mt. Desert, and is also free from the extravagance and stiffness of a purely fashionable resort. At the same time the social amenities of Camden are delightful, and offer gaiety or seclusion, according as one is inclined. The village has excellent drainage, and is supplied with the purest water in the state, while its streets are lighted by electricity

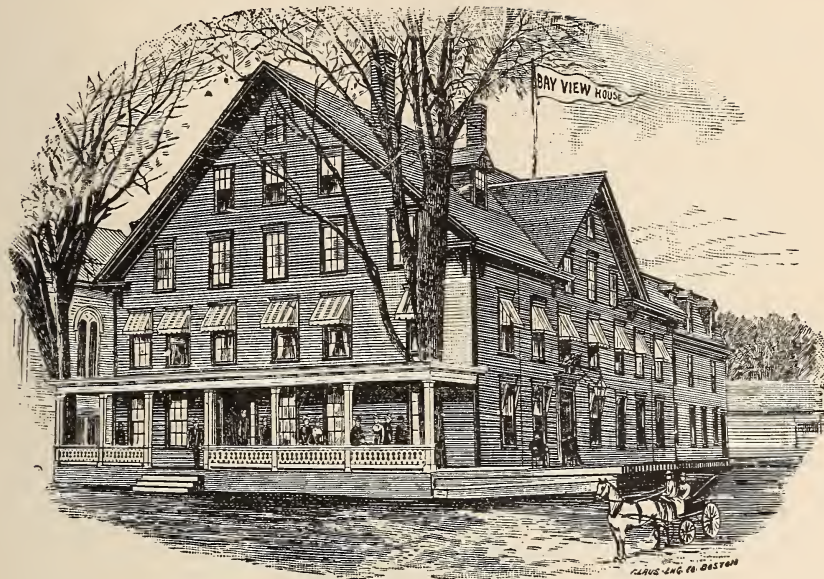
To the capitalist, Camden offers exceptional inducements. Its growth thus far has been conservative, but the movement towards a rapid and permanent rise in values has already set in, and the opportunity for securing desirable investments in real estate is an unusual one. Letters on this subject may be addressed to any of the residents whose names are given in the foregoing pages, or to those real estate agents whose cards are inserted among the advertisements



DISTANCES FROM CAMDEN VILLAGE TO PLACES OF INTEREST.

Mount Battie, - - ½ mile	Lake Chickawaukee, - 5 miles	Clam Cove, - - 5 miles
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Bald Mountain, - - 4 "	Grassy Pond, - - 7 "	Molyneaux's Mills, - 2½ "
Ragged Mountain via Hosmer's Pond, - - 4 "	Mirror Lake and Water Works, - - - 6 "	Rockland Reservoir, - - 7 "
Ragged Mountain via Mirror Lake, - - 6 "	Megunticook Lake, - 2½ "	Northport, - - - 15 "
Mount Pleasant, - - 10 "	Lincolnton Beach, - - 6 "	Fort Point, - - - 28 "
Bald Peak, - - - 4 "	Lake City, - - - 2½ "	West Camden, - - - 4½ "
Turnpike Cliffs, - - 3 "	Around Mt. Megunticook, 16 "	Mark Island, - - - 4 "
Maiden Cliff and Head of Turnpike, - - 4 "	Selborne, - - - 2½ "	Saddle Island, - - - 4 "
Beech Hill, - - - 3 "	Belfast, - - - 18 "	Laisdell's Island, - - 5 "
Negro Island, - - 1 "	Rockland, - - - 8 "	Long Island, - - - 9 "
Sherman's Point, - - 1 "	Rockville, - - - 5 "	Lime Island, - - - 5 "
Beauchamp Point, - 2½ "	Thomaston, - - - 12 "	North Haven, - - - 9 "
Lily Pond, - - - ¾ "	South Hope, - - 8 "	Around Ragged Mountain, via Mirror Lake and Hosmer's Pond, - 16 "
Rockport, - - - 1½ "	Union, - - - 12 "	Around Bald Mountain via Washington Street and return via Hosmer's Pond, - - - 16 "
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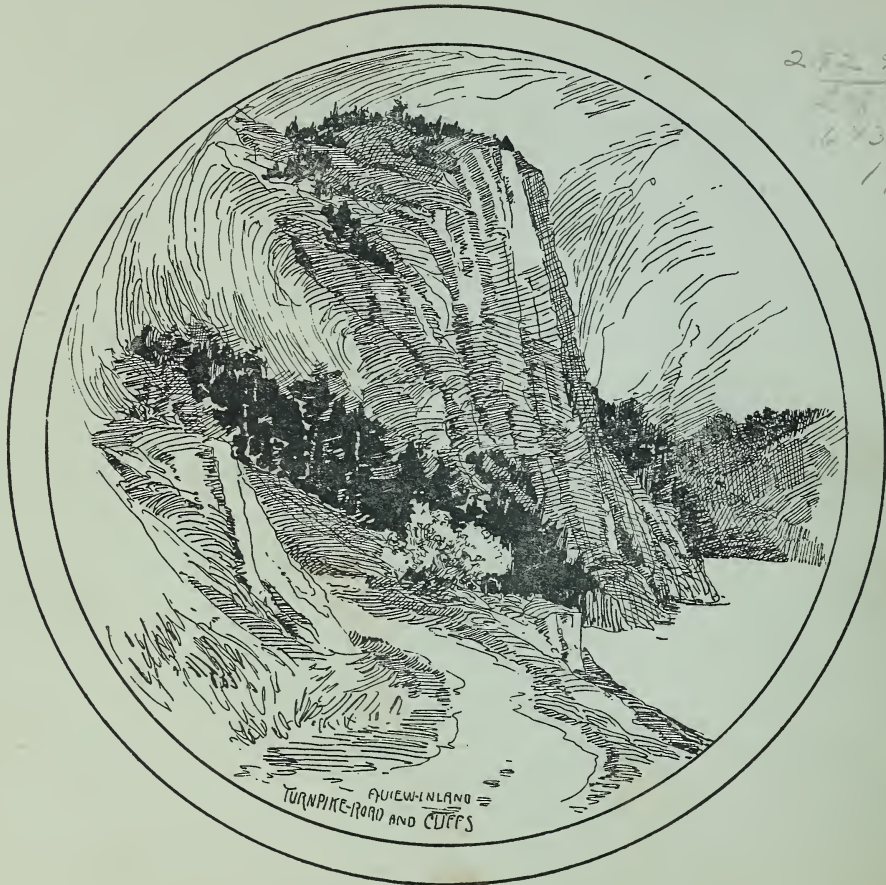
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